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1. NTO 1 in Freiberg, NTO 3 in Halle and an NTO branch in Leipzig were among the branches controlled by NTO/MZU, Berlin-Weissensee, Strasserstrasse 53.
2. NTO 1 in Freiberg.
Russian chief was Rubin, succeeded by Filatov.
German staff was composed of the following: Prof. Kegel, Prof. Rammler, Dr. Jaepolt, Dr. Gaier, Dipl. Ing. Heide, Dipl. Ing. Knopfe, Ing. Hauswald, Ing. Stelle, Dr. Blucher, Prof. Dr. Lissner, Ing. Zschechoke.*
NTO 1 was dissolved in March 1949 and Filatov was transferred to Berlin.
3. NTO 3 in Halle.
Located in Franz Josef Ring 14, on the first floor.
The Russian chief was Suchobok.
The German staff, most of whom also worked at NTO 1, was composed of the following: Dipl. Ing. Knopfe, Dr. Ing. Luppelt, Dr. Kug, Dr. Blucher, Dipl. Ing. Heide, Dr. Ing. Rammler, and Dipl. Ing. Stelle.
NTO 3 was dissolved on 15 February 1949, at which time its German staff was dismissed. Suchobok, as well as the bookkeeper and two translators, was taken over by NTO/MZU Berlin-Weissensee.
4. NTO branch in Leipzig.
No information could be given about this branch except that it was dissolved some time around February 1949.
5. The OPK (Special Project Bureau - Osoobaya Proektirnyaya Kontora) is located in the same building as the NTO/MZU. Although independent of each other, both bureaus were administratively under the Russian Ministry of Coal Industries, Western Regions; the two bureaus had a different bookkeeping system, different working conditions, different archives, and different supply departments. The OPK falls roughly into the following departments:

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2. Designing department - The German staff consists of Knopf and Ing. Scheer

Komplettierungsabteilung which compiles the reports, sending four copies to Moscow and retaining one for the archives.

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- d. Copying department
- e. Archives
- f. Bookkeeping and research department
- g. Personnel department

Chief of the OPK is Klimanov, his deputy is Yelanezev. The designing department is under Noktov, the Komplettierungsabteilung is under Katoshnikov, and the personnel department is under Brigadov.

6. In March 1949 the NTO/MZU was absorbed by the OPK. The former chief of the NTO/MZU, Lyubimov, went to Moscow at the end of 1948; he returned in January 1949 to wind up his affairs and turn over the job to Nartov. He finally left for Russia. After the NTO/MZU joined the OPK, Klimanov became the chief of the whole organization, while Nartov was merely chief of his own section.

7. [] the section of the OPK which constituted the former NTO/MZU was dissolved. Altogether 38 persons were dismissed, some of them personnel of the OPK. Prof. Kirst, German chief of the NTO/MZU was also dismissed despite his good connections with the Russians. Filatov formerly of NTO 1, and Suchobok formerly of NTO 3 left for Russia during the first week of April. The OPK now employs 138 persons, and will close in June or July. The last technical report of the OPK entitled "Vorschriften ueber den Betrieb von Braunkohlentagebauen" (regulations governing the operation of open pit lignite mining) has been translated and at present the OPK is cataloguing reports and making general preparations to leave. Three cases have been seen bearing the following address: Moscow, Uliya Rasina 20 Schachstroyproject Yermolenko.

8. [] Comments: This confirms the assumption that the Technical Bureau of the Coal Ministry West, [] is identical with NTO 1.

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